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Located on the North Shore of Kuiu Island.

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Saginaw Bay was closed to commercial fishing for salmon throughout the season.

There are three tributary salmon streams which are directly at the head of the bay, known as the north, middle and south streams.

On July 8 when this bay was first examined it was found to contain a fine run of humpbacks, but the peak of the humpback run came August 19, which commenced escaping up the south stream. The heavy rainfalls which started August 21 and lasted until about August 26 raised the creeks to such an extent that the streams, especially the south stream, contained thousands of humpbacks.

The chums commenced to enter the middle stream July 15. This run gradually increased and by July 30 the middle stream was apparently filled to capacity for nearly three miles up stream with chums and thousands in the bay. The flow of water was becoming so low I found it necessary to dig trenches in the wide shallow places on the flat to protect this run, as a great many were dying for want of water. The salmon also needed the protection from the bears and eagles.

The north stream contained only chums together with a few cohoes, but on August 19 when an inspection was made the stream was nearly blocked with decayed chums.

In conclusion will say that this bay had an exceptionally fine run of both humpbacks and chums and the bay being closed to commercial fishing, resulted in 100 percent escapement.

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Season of 1924.